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## COTTONWOOD CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

## FEBRUARY 15, 1996

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Creek Distribution System as called to order by Chairman Eugene Johansen at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Johansen asked Mr. John Larsen from the Distribution Section of the Division of Water Rights to read the minutes of the 1995 meeting. There was one correction concerning the distribution committee. Mr. Kyle Singleton represents the industrial users not the individual users. A motion was made by Jay Mark Humphrey, and seconded by Duane Gilbert to accept the minutes as corrected. All present voted in the affirmative.

The next item of business was a brief report from Commissioner Clyde Magnuson concerning his activities in 1995. Mr. Magnuson indicated that a total of 38,931 acre-feet of water was used for irrigation purposes during the year, of which 2734 acre-feet was project water, and 36,191 acre-feet was primary water. UP&L Company used 5703 acre-feet of primary water, and 6684 acre-feet of project water, for a total of 12,387 acre-feet. On January 1, 1996, there was 45,000 acre-feet of water in storage at Joe's Valley Reservoir, compared to 30,000 acre-feet in January of 1995. He indicated that a share of water yielded approximately 1.00 acre-foot in 1995, compared to 0.66 acre-foot in 1994. A question was raised concerning the report of the Grimes Wash figure. Page 11 and 24 of the report indicate a total of the flow measured on the wash, not the volume diverted for irrigation purposes. The correct figure was estimated to be 10 acre-feet for irrigation use in 1995.

A brief discussion followed concerning the Reeder Creek diversions. Contact has been made with the subdivision users in an effort to adequately measure the diversion of water being made. The irrigation company will install measuring devices and the water users will reimburse the company. It is the goal of the company to have all of the water users use one of the existing points of diversion rather than have several to maintain.

It should be noted that according to the SCS Snotel data for February 14, 1996, there was 108% of average at the Seely Creek station. No reading was available for Red Pine Ridge, and 101% is reported at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site. The February 1, 1996 stream flow forecast into Joe's Valley Reservoir is predicted to be 60,000 acre-feet, which is 113% of average.

Chairman Johansen asked Mr. Larsen to review the 1995 Financial Statement. Mr. Larsen indicated that as of January 1, 1995, there was \$6,298.34 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totalled \$11,682.29, which included \$11,205.12 in regular assessments, and \$477.17 in interest. Expenditures for the year totalled \$11,507.28. It should be noted that the only over expenditure was in the miscellaneous account. As of December 31, 1995, there was \$6,473.35 in the Trust Account. Following the reading of the Financial Statement, a motion was made by Ross Huntington, and seconded by Jay Mark Humphrey to accept the financial statement as read. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Johansen conducted the next item of business, which was the preparation of a budget for 1996. Mr. Larsen indicated that in order for the commissioner to participate in the state retirement system, a minimum salary must be paid. He indicated that this would effect the commissioner on this system. Following a brief discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Salary Social Security Retirement Travel Expense Bonding Expense Health & Life Insurance Annual Report Miscellaneous	\$7728.00 590.00 1112.00 2330.00 100.00 178.00 150.00
Total	\$12,288.00

A motion was made by Craig Johansen to accept the budget as prepared, and to set the assessment at \$11,300.00. Ross Huntington seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Johansen indicated that the next item of business would be the recommendation of a commissioner for the 1996 irrigation season to the State Engineer. Jay Mark Humphrey made a motion that the rules be suspended, and that Clyde Magnuson be retained by acclamation. Duane Gilbert seconded the motion. All present voted in the affirmative.

The appointment of a committee was the next item of business brought before the water users. Ross Huntington made a motion to retain the same individuals for 1996 who served during the previous year. Craig Johansen seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Therefore, the 1996 committee will be as follows:

Eugene Johansen	Chairman
Ross Huntington	CCCIC
Kyle Singleton	Industrial Users
Arthur Olsen	Upper Users
Mark H. Williams	Lower Users

Chairman Johansen mentioned several issues to the water users that he was concerned about. They included a bill before the State Legislature to allow cities to sell water rights. He is opposed. He is anxious to have the Division of Water Rights complete the pending adjudication on the San Rafael Drainage, particularly as it relates to federal water claims. It was indicated that this adjudication will be worked on during 1996, however, a resolution of the federal issues is doubtful. He is also concerned about the interference that the mining companies are making on the area water rights. He is hoping for a more active role by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, and the Division of Water Rights in protecting local interests.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Gertrudys Adkins
John Larsen
Mark Page
Ross Huntington
Oral Eugene Johansen
Kyle Singleton
Duane Gilbert
Jay Mark Humphrey
Mark Young
Craig Johansen
Clyde Magnuson

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